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### Donaldsonville Woman Dies in House Fire

**ASCENSION PARISH-** The State Fire Marshal's Office (SFM), in collaboration with the Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office, is continuing its investigation into the circumstances surrounding a house fire in Donaldsonville that claimed the life of a female resident.

Around 2:15 p.m. on Wednesday, July 27, the Donaldsonville Fire Department responded to a report of a house fire located at the 700 block of Catalpa Street. Unfortunately, firefighters located the body of a female victim in the living room of the home.

Official identification and cause of death are pending with the Ascension Parish Coroner's Office, however, the victim is believed to be the 65-year-old, disabled homeowner.

After an assessment of the scene and collecting witness statements, SFM deputies confirmed the fire began in a back room of the home. The victim was located in the home's living room where deputies learned she was bedridden.

At this time, the investigation into the exact cause of the fire remains ongoing.

The SFM welcomes any information the public believes could be helpful to investigators in this case. Tips can be submitted anonymously to 1-844-954-1221 or online at [lasfm.org](http://lasfm.org).

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